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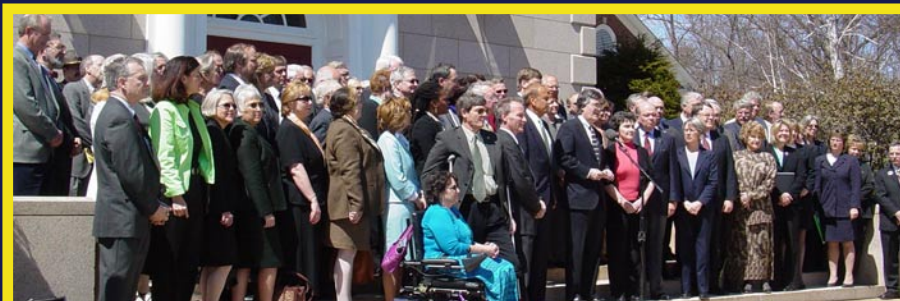
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## The NH Citizens Commission on the State Courts



*The Commissioners gathered on the steps of the Supreme Court on April 18 prior to their first meeting. In his message below, Chief Justice Broderick talks about their work.*

## SPOTLIGHT:

### STAYING SAFE ON THE JOB... SECURITY TASK FORCE BEGINS ITS REVIEW

Court communities around the nation were shocked by the March 11 shootings in the Fulton County courthouse in Georgia which were a tragic reminder of the importance of remaining vigilant when it comes to tight security during court proceedings and in day-to-day routines. Plans for a detailed assessment of court security operations in New Hampshire were already underway, but events in Atlanta heightened the importance of the ongoing New Hampshire project.

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### EXETER DISTRICT COURT MOVES TO A WELCOME NEW HOME

In February, the Exeter District Court moved from 120 Water Street into available space at the Rockingham County Courthouse in Brentwood because of ongoing concerns in Exeter about the building's air quality and employee health. The Exeter staff held a farewell party in their courtroom before launching the move to the Brentwood facility, and the staff there hosted a "welcoming" event for Exeter. "We're getting to meet everybody and we are making new friends," Exeter District Court Judge R. Laurence Cullen said.

Exeter Clerk Carol Taylor-Wright, who worked at 120 Water Street for more than 20 years, described the new

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## A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF JUSTICE BRODERICK

For the past several months, my colleagues and I at the Supreme Court have been working hard to establish the "New Hampshire Citizens Commission on the State Courts" which will be co-chaired by two very distinguished non-lawyer citizens, Will Abbott, the executive director of the Mount Washington Observatory and Kathy Eneguess, the president of the New Hampshire Technical College Berlin/Laconia. Examination of the court system by a broad cross-section of public leaders and citizens was endorsed by the Felmly Committee, following completion of its assessment of our needs and priorities last summer.

First, let me tell you that the Commission includes in its membership judges, lawyers and court staff. But, the majority of the Commissioners come from outside the legal world—doctors, educators, administrators, civic activists, men and women in business, local and state officials and advocates for the disabled and the poor. They represent

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Farewell party in Exeter District Court

The newly created Supreme Court Task Force on Court Security held its first meeting on March 31 in the justices' conference room in Concord and began taking a close look at security needs at the 48 court locations in the state. Led by Associate Supreme Court Justice Richard E. Galway and Assistant Commissioner of Safety Earl M. Sweeney, the task force members include experts in court security and experienced members of the court community.



*Justice Galway speaking to the Security Task Force*

In addition to Justice Galway and Assistant Commissioner Sweeney, the commission members are Attorney General Kelly A. Ayotte; Rockingham County Sheriff Daniel J. Linehan; Superior Court Chief Justice Robert J. Lynn; Associate Superior Court Justice Gillian L. Abramson; State Senator Robert E. Clegg Jr. of Hudson; Judge Edwin W. Kelly, Administrative Judge of the District Court; Plaistow Police Chief Steven Savage; State Reps.

Karl I. Gilbert of Newmarket and Stephen J. Shurtleff of Penacook; Attorney W. Michael Dunn of Manchester, representing Gov. John Lynch; Hampton District Court Judge Francis J. Frasier; Probate Court Judge Christina M. O'Neill; Marital Master Michael H. Garner; Merrimack County Sheriff Chester L. Jordan; Keith Lohmann, director of Police Standards and Training; Jason R. Jordanhazy, Interim Court Security Manager at the Administrative Office of the Courts; Donald D. Goodnow, director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; U.S. Marshall Stephen R. Monier; and Plymouth District Court and Family Division court security supervisor Bernard Hughes.

Justice Galway stressed that the first step for the task force was to launch a "fact-finding expedition."

"Before we decide on any uniform security procedures we have got to know what we have," Galway told the task force members. He added he expected that by the next meeting of the task force on May 16th, the members would have produced reports on the status of security around the system.

Among the issues the task force will address are:

- Prisoner transport
- Overall courthouse security
- Security during courtroom proceedings
- Standards and training for security personnel

Task force members suggested that they visit individual court sites to assess security needs and survey judges and clerks at each site to collect information about their security requirements.

During the meeting, District Court Judge Francis Frasier of Hampton said he believed that arraignments raise the most concern for judges and court personnel because at that point in a case, little is known about

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## **WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STAY SAFE**

Court employees should increase their awareness of any suspicious activity and report concerns to the Clerk of Court or Court Security Personnel. The better we prepare ourselves to respond to emergencies, the better we will be able to care for ourselves and the public in the event of a real threat or act of violence.

### **Common Sense Advice**

- Know whom to contact in an emergency
- Don't be reluctant to seek assistance
- Report suspicious persons or packages
- Be alert to suspicious activity in and around the courthouse
- Always lock your vehicle in the parking lot
- Know your role in an emergency
- Review and know your emergency evacuation plan
- Be cautious of phone and open area discussions
- Protect computer passwords
- Protect your building key or access control code
- Report unusual requests for information
- Know where your court security personnel are stationed
- Fully cooperate with tests of the emergency evacuation plan
- Review your quick reference guide to emergencies

*– From the  
Court Security Office  
at the AOC*

## STAFF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Diane Caron, the civil equity and ADR clerk in Rockingham County Superior Court, has volunteered to serve as chairman of the Staff Advisory Committee to the Chief Justice, which held its first meeting in Concord on February 24. Stacey Raven, a court monitor in Hillsborough North, and Sherri Kluesener, a case manager

at the Supreme Court in Concord, have offered to help Diane with the Committee, which was established

*Staff Advisory Committee continued...*

The next meeting of the Staff Advisory committee is June 17 at 2 p.m. at Rockingham County Superior Court. Please contact a member of the committee if you have questions, suggestions or concerns to be raised at that meeting. ■■

*Security Task Force continued...*

the defendant and their history. Members discussed the need to move defendants in and out of court as efficiently as possible to minimize security concerns at arraignments.

As part of the task force work, Judge Abramson, and Interim Security Manager Jordanhazy will co-chair a subcommittee that will assess courtroom security.

Judges and clerks will be surveyed about security issues. Justice Galway and Rockingham County Sheriff Daniel Linehan will examine offsite security measures for judicial officers.

AOC Director Donald Goodnow, a member of the task force, has been asked to prepare an historical perspective on the court system security budget. Court security officers, who are primarily assigned the District and Probate courts, are currently paid \$65 per day. The court system reimburses the county sheriffs' departments at a rate for \$65 a day for security coverage at the 11 Superior Court locations.

The Judicial Branch spent \$3 million on security in FY 2004 for all court locations, which includes \$1.2 million to reimburse the county sheriff's departments for security coverage at the Superior Court locations.

Currently there are 16 full-time and 116 part-time Court Security Officers, under AOC supervision, working at 40 court locations around the state. ■■



*The Staff Advisory Committee will meet quarterly at locations around the state.*

by Chief Justice Broderick to keep the lines of communication open between his chambers and court staff around the state.

Chief Justice Broderick said at the outset of the meeting that he wanted committee members, who will serve for one year, to get to know each other, to identify common concerns and find common solutions. He said he also hoped that the committee would generate ideas for events and programs that would encourage interaction among employees from different court locations "so that we would see ourselves as part of something larger than the individual court site where we work."

In keeping with that theme, the committee is now requesting fellow staff members, judges and marital masters to send in ideas for a statewide "Employee Recognition Day" that could be held in late summer. The committee will consider whether the event should be held at two sites, in different geographic areas of the state, so that as many employees could attend as possible. Some suggestions are:

- NH Fisher Cats baseball game in Manchester
- Evening sail on the Mt. Washington on Lake Winnepesaukee
- "Wellness Day" at a conference site which would include workshops related to work/wellness issues
- Picnic at a state park or beach area with organized activities for employees and families

Please send your suggestions to any member of the committee or directly to Diane at [dcaron@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:dcaron@courts.state.nh.us). In addition to Diane, Stacey and Sherri, the members of the committee are Patrice Rasche (AOC); Lance Walton (CSO); Barbara Hogan (Cheshire Superior); Sara Beaulieu (Coos Superior); Mary Barton (Manchester District); Michele Boutin (Littleton District); Patrick Ryan (Keene District); Bunny Clark (Portsmouth District); Heidi Morgenstern (Rockingham Probate); Kimberly Quint (Strafford Probate); Sherry Bisson (Derry family); Sharon Matte (North Haverhill Family); Lori Anne Dionne (Plymouth Family); Pam Kozlowski (RCA); Joanne Lemay (Auburn District) and Linda Daniels (Laconia District).

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*Chief's Message continued...*

every geographic area of our state, from Dixville Notch to Hampton.

What needs to happen is for responsible, civic-minded people—from outside the court system with the able assistance and insights of those working in the judicial system day in and day out—to independently study what we do and make recommendations about how we can improve the process. That's what the



*Citizens Commission co-chairs Kathy Eneguess (center) and Will Abbott (at the microphone) on the steps of the Supreme Court.*

Commission has been asked to do. We need that input from the public—our constituents—to fully assess the challenges that face us and them and to make sure we are living up to

our mission to provide efficient, affordable and reliable justice for all.

In addition to the Felmly Report, the Commissioners will have three other recent reports from “inside” the court system to work with: the Family Division Implementation Report; the Family Law Task Force Report; and the Pro Se Task Force Report. The Commission has secured funding from the New Hampshire Bar Foundation for the first ever survey of public perceptions and attitudes about our state court system. The members envision holding 10 “listening sessions” around the state to hear from our constituents and record their comments for others to read and they have reached out to experts at the National Center for State Courts for guidance on this project. For more information about the Citizens Commission, and a list of members, go to the Judicial Branch Intranet site.

I am confident that once the Commission's work is done, they will have produced a road map that will guide us long into the future. When they agreed to act as co-chairs, Will and Kathy set the theme for the Commission in their own words: “Honor the Past—Prepare for the Future.” I have every confidence that under their leadership, the Commission will live up to that ideal. As important developments occur, I will keep you updated. I am confident that the Commission will be seeking your thoughts and assistance and I would personally appreciate whatever you can do to make the Commission's work a success. 🇺🇸

– John T. Broderick Jr.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP LEARNING

### Programs

The Staff Education Committee continues to meet and plan for programs that will be valuable for non-judicial personnel in the court system. Some of the upcoming programs include:

- May 6 at Plymouth District Court for all employees: Program on Parenting your Teenager
- May 20 at the AOC for clerks and registers: Myer's Briggs Personality Profile, how to address issues involving the Americans with Disabilities Act and issues involving Workers' Compensation
- June 9 at the AOC for all employees: Retirement

For more information about these programs, contact Barbara Sweet, Staff Attorney, 271-2521 ext. 301.

### Supervisory Training

Two new supervisory training classes began in March at the Administrative Office of the Courts involving 31 supervisors from around the court system. The classes provide critical information for supervisors to use on a day-to-day basis such as performance evaluation, communication skills, team building and supervisory skills. The classes are taught by Superior Court Coordinator Joan Bishop, Probate Court Administrative Coordinator Marty Wagner, Regional Court Administrator Lauren Thorne and Staff Attorney Barbara Sweet.

Employees who graduated from supervisory training in late 2004 are: Jan Bellantone, Karen Brickner, Andrea Cattabrigga, Vicki Cormier, Lisa Giampaolo, Janelle Hughes, Barbara Jackson, Erica Latour, Elaine Lessels, Brenda McKinley, Rebecca Michael, Terri Peterson, Gail Richards, Doris Smith, Diane Stearns and Pamela Wheeler. 🇺🇸

## RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF JURY SERVICE

In May, New Hampshire will participate in a national "Juror Appreciation" effort launched by the American Bar Association to thank citizens for their jury service and remind potential jurors that their participation is critical to those who have cases in the courts and who are depending on them to make fair and impartial decisions. The ABA's "American Jury Initiative" is intended to strengthen the jury process and to enhance public understanding of the jury system as an essential part of our democracy.



Plans are underway for Chief Justice Broderick, Chief Justice Robert Lynn of the Superior Court, and Chief Justice Steven McAuliffe of the U.S. District Court in Concord to participate in a 30-minute program on jury service produced by Concord Community Television for distribution to local access television stations around the state. It is anticipated that

both Justice Broderick and Judge Lynn will be visiting courthouses around the state to thank jurors for their service to the trial court. A short essay by Chief Justice Lynn about the importance of jury service and the process in New Hampshire courts will also be circulated to local newspapers.

In addition, the Superior Court has received a \$1,000 grant to upgrade the jury service pages on the Judicial Branch website. Additional information will explain how jurors are chosen in New Hampshire, the rate of pay, and how to request that jury service be postponed. Specific information about each location, including available parking, will also be added to the website. A proposal is under consideration to put the juror questionnaire on the Judicial Branch website so that it can be filled out online, printed and mailed to the appropriate court. As part of the grant, visits to schools and businesses will be made by volunteers to talk to various groups about jury service.

For more ideas and information on "Juror Appreciation" programs, log on to [www.abanet.org/jury](http://www.abanet.org/jury). ■■

Seated in the Supreme Court Conference Room are Kathryn R. Legassie (front, left), Court Assistant, Belknap County Superior Court; and Joanne H. Sullivan (front, right); Clerk of Dover District Court. Standing (left to right) are Diane V. Doiron, Court Assistant, Sullivan County Superior Court; Carol E. Goldstein, Juvenile Intake Officer, Nashua District Court; and Celeste M. Nault, Court Systems Clerk, District Court. These employees were honored for 25 years of service at a ceremony on April 6, 2005.



## UPDATE ON THE FAMILY DIVISION

**Susan W. Ashley**, who had been the deputy clerk in Strafford County Superior Court, is now an administrator in the Judicial Branch Family Division. Susan will work with Family Division administrator **Gina B. Apicelli**, and Administrative Judge **Edwin W. Kelly**, on statewide expansion of the family division, which currently operates in Grafton and Rockingham Counties.

Here are some frequently asked questions about the Family Division:

### ***What is the status of the family division?***

Legislation was passed last year that makes the family division a permanent part of the judicial branch as of July 2005. Legislation that sets out an implementation plan statewide has been passed by the House and is pending in the Senate.

### ***When is the family division coming to my court?***

Tentatively, the plan includes Carroll, Coos and Sullivan counties being added to the family division in late 2005 or early 2006. Thereafter, Merrimack County would be added sometime in the spring of FY 2007. Strafford, Belknap and Hillsborough would follow. Cheshire County, due to various facilities' issues, would likely be last to convert to family division.

### ***How will the family division affect my job?***

The plan calls for court staff who handle the various case types to transfer to the family division and essentially follow the cases when they are heard in the family division. Efforts will be made to provide staff with positions similar to what they have now, hopefully within a reasonable distance from their home. It is very early in the process and without more information about funding, locations, and other issues, it is difficult to project how the number and types of positions will be distributed. Family division leadership will provide information to the impacted courts and staff as soon as it becomes available. ■■

## NEWS ON COURT FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

**SPC Patrick Wright**, son-in-law of **Irene Dalbec** at the Supreme Court, is home in New Hampshire with his wife Heidi and two children following a year-long tour of duty with the New Hampshire National Guard 197th Field Artillery Division C Battery out of Franklin. Patrick, who trained at Fort Dix, N.J. for military police missions, served in Kuwait and on security and patrol missions in Mosul and Tikrit, Iraq. Patrick was home briefly in July 2004 and met his newborn baby daughter, Ashlyn, who joined big brother Benjamin, 5. Patrick returned to Iraq and completed his tour of duty in Tikrit, returning to New Hampshire in February of this year.



*SPC Patrick Wright with son Benjamin, 5 and daughter Ashlyn, born June 29, 2004.*

**SGT. Courtnee Downs**, daughter of **Taylor Downs** from Dover District Court, is stationed with the U.S. Army at Camp New York in Southern Baghdad, where she is training Iraqi police officers. Courtnee was deployed with her company to Iraq on January 19, 2005 for a 16- to 18-month tour of duty. She had been stationed for four years at Ft. Stewart, Ga. Courtnee is a 2000 graduate of Winnicunnet High School in Hampton. Taylor expects Courtnee home for two weeks in August before returning to Iraq.



*SGT. Courtnee Downs with fellow military police officers in Baghdad.*

**SPC John Paul Nadeau**, son of **Donna Nadeau** in the clerk's office of the Supreme Court, is serving as a medic with the U.S. Army dive team in the Middle East. John recently received an award from

the U.S. military for his actions in saving a man who was having a medical emergency.

Since we last wrote about **Adam Sheldon** of the 3rd Infantry Division in the Fall 2004 edition of *Court Connections*, he has left Ft. Stewart, Georgia, departed for Kuwait and been promoted to Sergeant. In February 2005 his unit convoyed to Baghdad where he is now stationed at Camp Prosperity in the Green Zone. He will be deployed for at least 12 to 16 months. Adam, the son of **Denise Sheldon** at the Supreme Court, says conditions are much better than they were the last time he was in Iraq.

**PFC Justin Hussey**, son of **Claire Hussey**, the chief accountant at the AOC, arrived home on February 24th around 6:30 p.m. after a year of duty in Iraq. He arrived with about 50 other soldiers at the Concord Armory's new aviation facility, where they were greeted by Gov. John Lynch. Justin's nephews made a sign saying "Welcome Home Uncle Justin" and NSP Graphics of Nashua, donated banners for each unit and to the first 100 families who called. Justin's grandmother made red,

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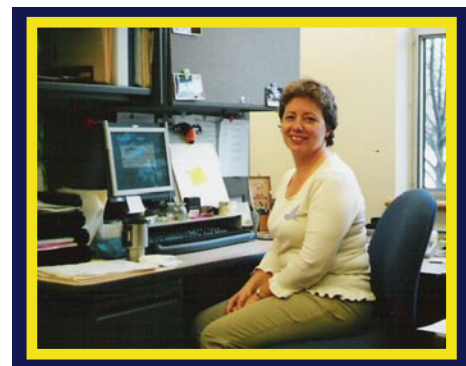
quarters in Brentwood as "absolutely beautiful and pristine."

"The sunshine, clean air and fabulous work stations, not to mention the size of the entire building, seem to agree with the staff," Carol wrote in a letter to the court communications office. "Just the windows have been a major hit. All of the staff agrees that they feel much healthier and less like mushrooms," Carol wrote.

Moving from busy downtown Exeter to the wooded Brentwood campus on Rte. 125 has also been an advantage. Judge Cullen said one lunch hour he went cross-country skiing around the pond that is adjacent to the courthouse.

Chief Justice Broderick, who had visited the Exeter site twice since last summer, initiated discussion of the move with Administrative Services Commissioner Don Hill and Judge Cullen, Peter Goodwin, from the Bureau of Court Facilities in Administrative Services and Gary Fowler from court services within the AOC, both helped carry out the relocation to Brentwood.

In addition to Carol and Judge Cullen, the members of the Exeter District Court staff are Wanda Keaton, Rebecca Vitelli, Sharon Clark, Katie Tripp and Bob Cabral. 🇺🇸



*Exeter District Court staff member Wanda Keaton at her new work station in Brentwood.*



## PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

### AOC



Andrea Cattabriga  
Internal Auditor

**Andrea Cattabriga** was promoted from "Acting" Internal Auditor to Internal Auditor on February 4, 2005. **Mary Ann Greska**, who was an Accounting Analyst at the AOC, transferred to Belknap County Superior Court as a Court Monitor Assistant.

**Nancy Miller** was hired on September 20, 2004, to serve as a Court Services Representative III (Human Resources Specialist) at the AOC. Prior to joining the AOC, Nancy worked at ADP Total Source Inc. in Manchester, NH

**Tomasz Jablonski** has been promoted to LAN Specialist II.

**Al Noviello** retired from his position of Acting Security Manager on October 28, 2004. As a result of Al's retirement **Jason Jordanhazy** was appointed Interim Acting Security Manager on October 29, 2004.

### Supreme Court – Law Library

**Mary Searles**, who was hired on July 6, 2004 as the Technical Services Librarian, was promoted to Law Librarian on April 1, 2005. **Erin Hubbard** of the New Hampshire Supreme Court Law Library was promoted from Library Assistant to Library Associate on March 4, 2005.

### Superior Court Staff

New court monitors in the Superior Court are **Murielle Bonenfant** who will be working in Carroll, Strafford and Coos County and **Karen Bragg** who will work at the Grafton County Superior Court. **Angela Campisi** and **Marianne Cahill** will both be based out of Rockingham Superior Court.

**Eileen Gagnon** was promoted from Court Assistant III to Court Assistant IV at Rockingham County Superior Court. **Joni Bertolami**, **Janet Cyr** and **Kathryn Calder** were promoted to Court Monitor Assistant in their respective courts. **Julia MacIver** was promoted to Court Assistant III at Strafford County Superior Court.

The newest members of the Superior Court staff are **Patricia Gill**, **Kellee Philippe**, **Gayle Smart**, **Karen Bragg**, **Brandi Parker-Brown**, **Rebecca Page**, **Diana Perrault** and **Dru Fox**.

### District Court Staff

On January 3, 2005, **Ann-Marie Finnemore** became the Clerk of Court at Franklin District Court. Prior to becoming clerk, Ann-Marie had served as a court systems clerk in the District Court since 1996.

**Lisa Mazzone** was promoted from Court Security Officer to Court Assistant II effective March 14, 2005. **Rebecca O'Gorman** and **Julia Lamson** were promoted from Court Assistant II to Courtroom Clerk at their respective courts. **Amy LeTourneau**, **Deborah Stitt**, **Francine Brown**, **Jennifer**

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## DID YOU KNOW?

In January 2004, Chief Justice Broderick began a "listening tour" visiting with judges, marital masters and staff at every superior, district and probate court site in the state, the AOC and the Superior Court Center. Those site visits, which were completed in February 2005, provided the Chief Justice with a unique opportunity to meet the men and women who make the system work every day. It also gave the Chief Justice first-hand knowledge of the status of court facilities around the state, which is crucial to his position as chairman of the nine-member Court Accreditation Commission.

The Commission was established by the legislature in 1971 and prescribes minimum standards for all court facilities, inspects facilities, and reports to the Supreme Court about its findings and recommendations. The commission rates each court facility or can designate a facility as "non-accredited."

During his tenure, Chief Justice Broderick has focused on the status of court facilities, particularly in terms of employee health and welfare and access for the disabled. He has worked closely with Don Hill, Commissioner of Administrative Services; Peter Goodwin, Director of the Bureau of Court Facilities in Commissioner Hill's office; Gary Fowler, AOC Court Services; and Cheryl Killam, an Accessibility Specialist with the Governor's Commission on Disability.

In addition to the Chief Justice, the commission members are Attorney Michael Callahan of Concord; State Sen. Joe Foster of Nashua; Superior Court Chief Justice Robert Lynn; Administrative Judge of the District and Family Courts Edwin W. Kelly; Administrative

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Mary Searles  
Law Librarian

*People on the Move continued...*

**Tomer** and **Julia Lamson** were promoted from Court Assistant II to Court Assistant III in their respective courts. **Susan Corcoran** was promoted from Court Assistant II to Court Monitor Assistant.

The newest employees of the District Court are **Patricia White, Roberta Morel, Michelle Goodwin, Karen Lesko, Jeanine Maloney, Christina Wintturi, Kenneth Vachon, Patricia Hinch, Joni Berman, Emily Olsen, Raymond Goodman** and **Victoria McLean**.

The newest Court Security Officers include **William Solari, Amanda Johnson, Andrew Towne, Cynthia Fitzsimmons, Arthur St. Laurent, William Foley, David Roberge, Ronald Stowers, Andrew Towne, Kevin Sullivan, Alan Tardif, John Bernhardt, Kenneth Stahl, Joseph Harb, Richard Borden** and **Peter Genest**.

#### **Family Division Staff**

On December 13, 2004, **Michelle Brown** was promoted from Family Division Court System Clerk to Acting Family Division Coordinator. **Lillian Deeb** was promoted from Court Monitor Assistant to Family Division Case Manager.

The newest employees of the Family Division are **Kim Dupuis, Marcia Chin-Colby, Elizabeth Donohoe, Kelly Mederos-Parry, Roseann Chambers, Kelly Mederos Parry** and **Dorothy Gardiner**.

#### **Probate Court Staff**

**Debra Bock** and **Merri Hutchinson** are the newest employees of the Probate Court.

#### **Retirements**

**Kathryn LaFrance** is scheduled to retire from Milford District Court on April 29, 2005.

**Andrew Fox** planned to retire on April 28, 2005 from his position of Court Security Officer at Manchester District Court.

**Frances Wentworth** retired from Rockingham Superior Court on April 1, 2005.

**Yvonne Schwatka** retired on December 17, 2004 from her position at Rochester District Court.

**Judi McCarthy** retired on December 16, 2004 from her position at Lebanon District Court.

**Carol Belsky** retired on November 4, 2004. She had been with the Carroll County Superior Court since October 15, 1985.

**Bettejane Marchetti** retired on October 29, 2004. She had worked at the Lebanon District Court since October 13, 1989.

**Elisabetta Nutter** retired from Strafford County Superior Court on October 29, 2004. 🇺🇸

## **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

- Do you think we should be writing about someone in your court community?
- Do you know someone who just received an award, recognition, or other honors?
- Are you or your co-workers involved in a special project in your courthouse or in your community?
- How about e-mailing us a special picture of a person or event?

Send your ideas and contributions to Court Connections Editor Laura Kiernan at [kiernan@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:kiernan@courts.state.nh.us). 🇺🇸

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white and blue ribbons and yellow ribbons that decorated the tree outside Claire's home where friends had come by to welcome Justin home.

According to Claire, Justin is adjusting to civilian life. "He's looking for a car and talking about going back to college in the fall," Claire told Court Connections. "Most of all, he is glad to be among friends and family and HOME SWEET HOME," she said. 🇺🇸

*Did You Know continued...*

Judge of the Probate Court John Maher; State Rep. Tony F. Soltani of Epsom; former State Revenue Administration Commissioner Stan Arnold of Concord; and Nick Hart of Manchester.

The next meeting of the Court Accreditation Commission will be held on May 23rd at the Auburn District Court. The Commission met in December 16 at Hampton District Court. 🇺🇸

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